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Alberto M. Carvalho  
School Board of Miami-Dade County  
1450 NE Second Avenue, Suite 912  
Miami, FL 33132

Dear Superintendent Carvalho:

I would like to thank the staff at Miami-Dade Public Schools (M-DCPS) for their hard work and collaboration with us as you begin to implement your Race to the Top – District grant. The U.S. Department of Education (Department) views the Scopes of Work as the manageable, actionable work plan that is necessary to accomplish a grantee's approved application.

On December 27, 2012, M-DCPS received a grant of \$29,999,054 with the condition that it draw down no more than 10 percent of the grant prior to approval of the Scope of Work. The Scope of Work must include specific goals, activities, timelines, budgets, key personnel, and annual targets for key performance measures. M-DCPS submitted its initial Scope of Work and school implementation plans for all impacted schools on April 8, 2013. The Department has conducted an initial review of the Scope of Work and found that the Scope of Work was missing some elements and requested that M-DCPS make some revisions to the document. As a result, the Department has not yet approved the Scope of Work.

M-DCPS has indicated that it needs immediate access to up to \$11,047,050, which is more than 10 percent (\$2,999,905.40) of its grant, to complete renovations on 49 iPrep Math learning centers for school year (SY) 2013-2014. The amount requested reflects the entire project budget and all work and funding obligations will be completed in Year 1 of the grant. Completing classroom renovations and installing necessary hardware and software will allow M-DCPS to begin implementation of the iPrep Math program in August and maintain its proposed timeline.

Specifically, M-DCPS has requested access to up to \$11,047,050 for the following commitments included in its application, Scope of Work, and budget:

- Purchase equipment for each learning center. The total allocation for this category is \$1,658,650
- Purchase supplies for each learning center. The total allocation for this category is \$78,400.

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- Executing a contract for classroom conversion and infrastructure installation on 49 school sites. The total allocation is \$9,310,000.

With this funding, M-DCPS can proceed with the procurements identified above that are needed for it to stay aligned to its proposed implementation timeline. Upon approval of the Grantee Scope of Work, M-DCPS will be able to draw down its remaining award balance.

Please note that this letter will be posted on the Department's website as a record of this action.

If you need any assistance or have any questions regarding Race to the Top - District, please do not hesitate to contact Miami-Dade Public Schools' Race to the Top - District Program Officer, Ariel Jacobs, at 202-453-7025 or [Ariel.Jacobs@ed.gov](mailto:Ariel.Jacobs@ed.gov).

Sincerely,

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